

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Uwe HEITMANN et al.

Application No.: Not Yet Assigned

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For: METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT
FOR PRODUCING COMPOUND
FILTERS

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Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the fees, please amend the claims of the above-identified application to read as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

16. (Amended) An arrangement for manufacturing compound filters for products in the tobacco-processing industry, comprising:

a filter tube feeding element;

at least one processing station one of which comprises a rotating device for rotating filter tubes; and
at least one conveyor into which filter tubes are deposited from the feeding element for supplying the filter tubes to the at least one processing station.